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TO USMTM DHAHRAN

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1. WELCOME VISIT OF GAO TEAM OF DEMARCO, LUDWICK, AND
WHITE DURING PERIOD MAY 27-JUNE 1. RESERVATIONS MADE AT
KANDARA PALACE HOTEL FOR NIGHT OF MAY 19 WHILE TRASITING JIDDA
EN ROUTE SANAA. EMBASSY WLL MEET AND ASSIST. DEMARCO,
LUDWICK AND WHITE SHOULD REQUEST TRANSIT RPT TRANSIT
VISAS FOR MAY 19 OVERNIGHT TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING
EXIT VISAS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR YEMEN. UPON ARRIVING IN YEMEN
TEAM SHOULD REQUEST ENTRY RPT ENTRY VISAS FOR MAY 27-JUNE 1 VISIT.

2. CONCERNING PROPOSED VISIT OF GAO TEAM CARHILL, CARPENTER,
ELLIS, AND MARTIN (REF D), NOW SCHEDULED TO BE IN JIDDA
FROM MAY 17-23, WE WONDER IF VISIT OF THIS LENGTH IS NECESSARY
IN VIEW OF FACT THAT TEAM IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN ACTIVITIES
AND COSTS OF USMTM, AT WHOSE DHAHRAN HEADQUARTERS
TEAM WILL BE FROM MAY 4 THROUGH 16. WE PROPOSE THAT
TALKS IN EMBASSY TAKE PLACE ON MAY 18, WHEN DCM AND
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POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST TEAM.

ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING HOLIDAY PRACTICE WHICH REMAIN UN-
ANSWERED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMCONSULATE DHAHRAN CAN BE
DISCUSSED WITH DCM AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ON SAME DAY.
IF TEAM IS INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY,
WHOSE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING USG SALARIES, ARE FULLY FUNDED BY
SAG, THESE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19. EMBASSY
DOES NOT WISH TO APPEAR UNRESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF TEAM AND IS
HAPPY TO COOPERATE TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, CONTINUING
FLOOD OF VISITORS TO SAUDI ARABIA NECESSITATES THAT VISITS BE
HANDLED WITH MAXIMUM DESPATCH CONSISTENT WITH ACHIEVEMENT OF
VISITORS' OBJECTIVES.

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